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That money should be returned and appropriated again for whatever purpose it is proper to appropriate for it. I think this is a loosening of the purse strings, it is a poor policy.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: It is poor management. I'm going to vote against it, I urge everyone else to. And, if I'm the only one that votes against it, so be it. I cannot, in conscience, vote for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Cudabaok.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, I'm...people don't always listen to all you had to say, so I'm going to get one thing off my chest first. And Senator Tyson has...absolutely has the right to oppose this and he is. But I want to make one statement here. He made a statement that the Legislature will not have any say in this here. And as Senator Bohlke pointed out in the last...as far as I know the Appropriations Committee is still part of the body, the Legislature, right? And it says right in here that there will be a report submitted to...the commissioner shall report to the Education Committee and the Appropriations Committee and the Governor annually. So I think that should take care of that little topic. There is a report made. And if it doesn't do what we say it will do, we'll come back and change it. As we all know, we can change anything with 25 votes, and so I'm not worried about that aspect at all. Senator Bohlke I think appropriately...and did a good explaining the bill. I was for the bill prior to us changing it. And you can say what you want to, you can use any words you want to. Whether you want to say watering it down, tightening it up, or...I'd rather say addressing concerns. And we did address Senator Beutler's concerns, and he had many of them. And fine, that's great, we can... Senator Raikes had concerns, and we tried to address them, and we tried to address anything that we could address, and we did adequately, I think. And so there were ten proponents for it in committee in its original form. And there were no opponents. So I think that should say something. a bill that is not going to bail them out. It's not money just given to them, as Senator Bohlke pointed out, you have to repay